REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing revisions. By this paper, Applicants have added claims 44 and 45, which are supported by the original specification, for instance, in paragraph [0138] and Example 12. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 41, 42, 44 and 45 will be pending.

Claims 38-40 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application as a vehicle for subject matter of any canceled claim.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's stated rationale, Applicants have mooted the pending rejections to claims 38-40 by canceling the claims in question. Applicants believe that the rejections to claims 41-42 and the objections to the title and abstract have been overcome by the foregoing revisions.

Thus, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, to address any issue that may remain.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any extensions fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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